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SUBJECT: US/USSR DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS LINK

NCS-D FOR ROSE

REF: MOSCOW 10058

1. REQUEST AMEMBASSY DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO DR. MIN-
ASHIN:

"DEAR DR. MINASHIN:

I WAS VERY GRATEFUL TO RECEIVE YOUR LETTER OF JULY 14 IN
WHICH YOU AGREE TO PERMIT THE US STATION-DETRICK TO CONDUCT
LOOPBACK TESTS VIA MOLNIYA-3 SATELLITE. THE DATES AND TIME
YOU SPECIFY IN YOUR LETTER, AUGUST 1 THROUGH 15, 1975 FROM
1930 TO 2130 (MOSCOW TIME) ARE ACCEPTABLE. WE ARE PREPARED
TO CONDUCT THE TEST PROGRAM.FORWARDED TO YOU IN MY LETTER,
MAY 19, 1975.

IN THIS CONNECTION, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF THE FOLLOW-
ING INFORMATION FOR THESE TESTS BE TRANSMITTED TO US OVER
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TGP-4: (CHANNEL 12) OR TGP-2:

(A) MOLNIYA SATELLITE NUMBERS TO BE USED FOR EARTH STATION TESTING.

(B) INITIAL TRACKING DATA (ORBITAL ELEMENTS) FOR THE SATELLITES TO BE USED.

ADDITIONALLY THE US REQUESTS THE USSR SUPPLY A PILOT CARRIER DURING LOOPBACK TESTING. IN THE EVENT YOU DO NOT PREFER TO SUPPLY THE PILOT CARRIER, WE ARE PREPARED TO GENERATE THE PILOT CARRIER FROM THE US STATION DETRICK.

I HAVE VERY CAREFULLY REVIEWED THE PROPOSAL YOU MADE CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF TGP-4 FROM THE MOSCOW DCL STATION TO THE PROPOSED INTELSAT STATION AT L'VOV, AND HAVE CONSULTED WITH MY DCL TECHNICAL EXPERTS STAFF. A CAREFUL ANALYSIS INDICATES THAT THE MOSCOW STATION DOES NOT NEED TO BE DEACTIVATED AND TGP-4 TRANSFERRED SINCE NEW SCPC EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN SHIPPED BY ITT SPACECOM AND SHOULD BE IN THE POSSESSION OF USSR AUTHORITIES. THIS REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT CAN BE INSTALLED AND TESTED PRIOR TO DISASSEMBLY OF THE MALFUNCTIONING SCPC EQUIPMENT. DURING THIS CUTOVER, THERE MAY BE A NEED FOR A TEMPORARY INTERRUPTION OF TGP-4 WHICH I AM AGREEABLE TO. SUCH AN INTERRUPTION SHOULD NOT EXCEED 72 HOURS DURATION. IN SHORT-ASSUMING THE NEW SCPC EQUIPMENT IS ON HAND, IT CAN BE INSTALLED, TESTED AND CUT INTO SERVICE AND THEN THE OLD, MALFUNCTIONING SCPC DISMANTELED. THIS PLAN, WHICH CORRESPONDS TO THE COURSE OF ACTION OUTLINED IN MY LETTER OF JULY 2, 1975, ELIMINATES THE NEED TO TRANSFER THE TGP-4 CHANNEL OR TO DEACTIVATE TGP-4 FOR A TWO-THREE WEEK PERIOD.

REGRTFULLY I DO NOT CONCUR WITH THE PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER TGP-4, UNLESS THERE ARE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH I AM NOT AWARE NOR DO I READILY AGREE TO A DEACTIVATION OF TGP-4 FOR A 2-3 WEEK PERIOD. I ASSURE YOU, I HAVE GIVEN YOUR REQUEST VERY CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, HAVE APPRAISED THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF MY DCL COMMITTEE AND OTHER TECHNICAL AUTHORITIES, WHO UNANIMOUSLY AGREE THAT THE COURSE OF ACTION OUTLINED HEREIN IS THE PROPER SOLUTION, AND THAT A 2-3 WEEK DIS-

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RUPTION IS NOT NECESSARY.

IF I CAN BE OF ANY ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR SERVICE FROM ITT SPACECOM REGARDING THE MOSCOW STATION, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO ADVISE ME.

I LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING THE DATA WE NEED TO CONDUCT THE THE MOLNIYA-III LOOPBACK TESTS, AND UNLESS I HEAR OTHER-

WISE, WE WILL BE PREPARED TO RUN THE TESTS OUTLINED IN MY

MAY 19 LETTER AND THE MODIFICATIONS LISTED IN THIS LETTER.

IN CLOSING, LET ME AGAIN CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE IMPORTANT
ROLE SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS PLAYED IN THE APOLLO-SOYUZ
FLIGHT. PLEASE PASS ON TO YOUR COLLEAGUE, MR. YURI SAV-
ITSKI MY CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE EXTENSIVE COMMUNICATIONS
SUPPORT HE ALSO FURNISHED FOR THE SUCCESSFUL SPACE
FLIGHT.

BEST PERSONAL REGARDS,

WILLIS E. NAEHER
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
FOR COMMUNICATIONS

2. PLEASE ADVISE WHEN DELIVERY MADE TO DR. MINASHIN. KISSINGER

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